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REF: A. STATE 90650(DTG 220038Z APR 77); B. DIRNSA DTG 230422Z APR 77

1. WE PROVIDED DETAILED AFLC PROPOSAL FOR AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM WITHOUT COMMENTS ON CONTENT TO GREEKS ON MAY 9, 1977 (COL. MARINAKIS, DIRECTOR 2ND STAFF OFFICE, HAF) AS AUTHORIZED BY REF A. AT THE SAME TIME, WE INFORMED GREEKS THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO MAKE U.S. TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSED SYSTEM AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE

2. OUR PURPOSES IN PROVIDED THEM THIS INFO NOW WERE TO: SATISFY OUR PROMISE TO DO SO, MADE DURING THE LAST ROUND AND THIS ONE; MAINTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY; AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO CHEW ON WHILE WE PROCEED TO SOLVE OUR INTERNAL FUNDING PROBLEM. OBVIOUSLY, U.S. TECHNICAL SECRET

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EXPERTISE EVENTUALLY MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HELP THE GREEKS UNDERSTAND OUR PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL WE DETERMINE THE FUNDING SOURCE AND REACH CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEKS ON HOW WE INTEND TO CARRY OUT OUR COMMITMENT. TO INVOLVE THE GREEKS IN DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TOO SOON MIGHT RESULT IN A NEW REQUIREMENT TO SETTLE ALL

ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM AS A PREREQUISITE TO AGREEMENT ON THE OVERALL DCA. AS WE DID WITH THE REMOTE MONITORING DEVICE, WE WOULD HOPE TO REMOVE DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF THE SYSTEM TO A FORUM OUTSIDE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO REF B, FINANCIAL DATA IN THE PROPOSAL WE PROVIDED TO THE GREEKS S OUTDATED, THIS COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING WHEN WE NEXT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. THEREFORE, WE PRESUME THAT THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAVE ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO UPDATE THIS DATA. KUBISCH

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